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By this amendment, the specification is amended to include headings as required by the examiner. In addition, a misspelling is corrected. The examiner's indication that claims 2-9 are drawn to allowable subject matter is acknowledged with appreciation. Reconsideration of applicant's invention as defined in claims 1-9 is requested.
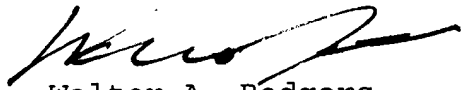
By the office action of November 4, 2003, the examiner rejected independent claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Laswick et al. Laswick et al. discloses a pilot jet 202 which has an opening at the center of a conical end surface of a stud and includes an adjustment lever 210 affixed to the body of the valve at one end and supporting swinging arm 206 at its other end. Details of the relative position of the pivot axis of arm 206 are not disclosed in Laswick et al.

Applicant's valve includes the pilot jet opening formed on the planar surface of the valve body and lever 26 in pivotal engagement with the planar surface for rocking movement to open and close the jet, i.e., the pivot point is in the same plane as the jet opening. The planar surface of applicant's valve is important in that it insures correct alignment of control projection 28 and the opening by insuring that projection 28 is flat across the opening when the lever is positioned to close the pilot jet opening. Since control projection 28 and pivot projections 27 all

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engage flat surface 2, alignment of projection 28 with the plane of the jet opening is assured. Furthermore, as lever 26 pivots to open the jet, projection 28 lifts off the jet opening in a vertical direction. These features, as defined in claim 1, are not shown in Laswick et al. For these reasons, claim 1 is believed allowable.

From the above, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-9 are requested.

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